

**REMARKS**

Claims 4-5, 9-12, and 16-21 and 23-26 are pending. Claims 4, 11, and 16 are in independent form.

In the action mailed May 29, 2007, claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16-20, 25 and 26 were allowed and claim 11 was recognized as reciting allowable subject matter. Applicant acknowledges the recognition of allowable subject matter with appreciation.

Claim 8 was objected to as including a typographical informality. Claim 8 has been canceled, rendering the objection moot.

Claim 11 was objected to as including a typographical informality. Claim 11 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

Claims 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 6 and 8 have been canceled, rendering the rejections moot.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for reciting the term "largely." Claim 21 has been amended to delete the term "largely."

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to further limit claim 16.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. There is nothing in claim 16 that requires the pellicle film to comprise an amorphous fluoropolymer. Accordingly, claim 23 does indeed further limit claim 16.

Moreover, claim 23 has been amended to recite that it is the bulk of the pellicle film that comprises an amorphous fluoropolymer. Accordingly, the scope of claim 23 is discernable to those of ordinary skill and applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claim 24 has been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,111,062 to Shirota. Claims 6 and 8 have been canceled, rendering the rejections moot.

There being no further issues, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

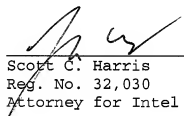
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally,

nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. No fees are believed due at this time. Please apply any charges or credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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